

REMARKS

Claims 18-28, 47-57 and 72-82 are presented for consideration. No claim is currently amended. Claims 1-17, 29-46 and 58-71 were previously cancelled.

Claims 18-28 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11-15, and 18 of copending Application No. 10/733,143 in view of Toncich US2002/01494324 (Tonicich).

Claims 47-57 and 72-81 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11-15, and 18 of copending Application No. 10/733,143 in view of Chien 6,225,871 (Chien) and Toncich US2002/01494324 (Tonicich).

Applicants hereby submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part if any, of any patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of any U.S. patent issuing from application Serial No. 10/733,143.

It is believed that the presently submitted Terminal Disclaimer removes any provisional rejections based on nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants thus believe that claims 18-28, 47-57 and 72-81 are now in condition for allowance.

This Response After Final Rejection is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. At the very least, however, it is believed clear that the provisional rejection has been overcome. Accordingly, entry of this Response After Final Rejection, as an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

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